

KINGSCLERE AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1945

by

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INCLUDING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

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KINGSCLERE AND WHITCHURCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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FOR 1945.

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1939</u>
Areas in acres:-	77,394	
Population	16,340	15,210
Number of inhabited houses	4,610	
Rateable value	£94,374	
Sum produced by a penny rate	£392	

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

There is still over-crowding with Government workers still in Whitchurch, there is difficulty in accomodating workers who are badly needed in Agriculture.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1939</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births</u>		
Legitimate	116	124
Illegitimate	17	21
	<u>133</u>	<u>145</u>

Grand Total of Births ... 278

Birth rate per 1,000 population.	17	13.2
For England and Wales	16.1	15

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1939</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Still Births.</u>		
Legitimate	2	4
Illegitimate	1	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1939</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Deaths of Infants under One Year</u>		
Legitimate	7	3
Illegitimate	2	3
	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

Grand Total ... 15

Death rate per 1,000 live births	54	26
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CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>1945</u>		<u>1939</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Tuberculosis Lungs	5	1	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis	3	-	-
Syphilis	1	-	-
Influenza	-	1	6
Encephalitis	1	-	-
Cancer of Mouth	1	-	-
Cancer of Uterus	-	1	-
Cancer of Breast	-	1	-
Cancer elsewhere	13	6	-
Diabetis	1	1	2
Intercranial Vascular Lesions	14	9	6
Heart Disease	27	36	53
Other circulatory causes	2	2	1
Bronchitis	6	5	12
Pneumonia	3	-	7
Other Respiratory	-	2	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenus	1	2	3
Diarrhea under 2 years	1	1	2
Other Digestive diseases	3	-	7
Nephritis	2	1	5
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-
Premature Birth	6	3	-
Birth Injury	1	2	5
Suicide	-	1	-
Other violence	3	2	5
Other causes	10	7	10
Total Deaths	200		163
Death rate per 1,000 population	12.2		10.3
Death rate for England and Wales	11.4		12.1

WATER SUPPLIES.

Since the war comprehenseive schemes for water supplies have been proposed. Our area stands on the watershed between the Kennet and Test. If as seems possible a great deal more water is taken from each side of our area there may be a serious lowering of our ground water level.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

A new scheme is proposed for the St.Mary Bourne area.

HOUSING.

Some 300 new houses are still needed including a good many for agricultural workers. A survey of existing houses indicates that about 1 in 6 is not worth repairing.

DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION

238 children under 5 years, and 64 over 5 years were immunised during the year.

CHIEF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

310 Measles
 6 Pneumonia
 39 Whooping Cough
 23 Scarlet Fever
 0 Diphtheria

The Isolation Hospitals at Basingstoke and Andover were closed from time to time due to shortage of staff and accommodation had to be found elsewhere.

(Signed) A.A.COCKAYNE

Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
 Kingsclere,
 Nr.Newbury,
 Berks.
 December, 1946.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1945.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report of the Sanitary and other work carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors during the year ended December, 1945.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Visits made in connection with Infectious Diseases	...	...	42
Disinfections carried out	...	...	31
Inspections of :-			
(a) Butchers Shops	...	...	137
(b) Other Food Shops or Premises.	...	...	96
(c) Slaughterhouses (Ministry of Food)	...	...	36
Inspections of Cowsheds	...	...	155
Inspection of Dairies	...	...	10
Visits re. Water Supplies and Water Samples taken	...	...	78
Inspection of Bakehouses	...	...	24
Visits re. Nuisances	...	...	53
Factory Inspections	...	...	4
Housing Inspections (Rural Housing Survey - Hobhouse Report)			1,205
Routine Housing Inspections - and to works in progress after			
Service of Notices	...	...	84
Disinfestation of Verminous Premises	...	...	8
Visits in connection with Refuse and Salvage	...	...	146
Total Number of Inspections made			<u>2,109</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Summary of Infectious Diseases Notified.

	Male	Female	Total
Measles	173	137	310
German Measles	1	0	1
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Primary Pneumonia	4	2	6
Scarlet Fever	6	17	23
Erysipelas	4	3	7
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	1	1
Tuberculosis	5	4	9
Whooping Cough	17	22	39
Dysentery	1	2	3
Puerperal Septicaemia	0	1	1
	<u>214</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>407</u>

Total Number of Notifications Received 407

Number of visits made in connection with Infectious Diseases 42

Number of visits carried out 31

SUMMARY OF DISINFECTIONS CARRIED OUT.

Scarlet Fever .. 22; Cancer .. 3; Tuberculosis .. 5; Dysentery .. 1.

NUMBER OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES REMOVED TO ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

<u>Weyhill Isolation Hospital</u>		<u>Basingstoke Isolation Hospital</u>		<u>Alton Isolation Hospital.</u>
Measles	... 1	Scarlet Fever	... 4	Dysentery ... 1
Dysentery	... 1			
	<u>2</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

Total Number removed to Isolation Hospitals ... 7.

HOUSING.

1. RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

NUMBER OF HOUSING INSPECTIONS (Rural Housing Survey - Hobhouse Report) made ... 1205.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT:-

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>NO. OF HOUSES SURVEYED.</u>
Overton	377
Ashmansworth	54
Burghclere	217
St. Mary Bourne	218
Litchfield and Woodcote	51
Kingsclere	197
Newtown	57
Highclere	34

Total ... 1,205

The number of houses categorised in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 64/44 is given hereunder.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>CONDITION OF DWELLING.</u>	<u>NORMAL ACTION</u>	<u>NO. OF HOUSES</u>
1.	Satisfactory in all respects	No action	132
2.	Minor defects.	Informal action or Public Health Acts.	298
3.	Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements.	Sec.9 or Sec.11 Housing Act, 1936. Acquisition by Local Authority in appropriate cases.	354
4.	Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.	Housing (Rural Workers) Acts. Sec.11 Housing Act, 1936. Acquisition by Local Authority in appropriate cases.	152
5.	Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.	Sec.11 (Individual Houses) Sec.25 (Clearance Areas) Housing Act, 1936.	269

2. ROUTINE HOUSING.

Number of Routine Inspections (Housing Act, 1936) made	...	36
Number of Informal Notices served	....	32
Number of Statutory Notices (Housing Act, 1936) served	...	9
Number of Statutory Notices (Public Health Act, 1936) served	...	9
Number of visits after Service of Notice	...	48

Total Number of Housing Inspections made for all purposes 1,289

FOOD SUPPLY

Milk.

Number of Cow-keepers, producers and Wholesale Traders on the Register	152
Number of Retail Purveyors	15
Number of New Registrations granted during the year	9

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936-1941

Licences granted by the County Council as from 1st January, 1945.

"Accredited Licences 22

"Tuberculin Tested" Licences 16

Licences granted by the Council as from 1st January, 1945.

Dealers Supplementary Licence (Bottling) 1

Number of Cow-sheds inspected 155

Number of Dairies inspected 10

Infringements dealt with during the year (Dirty premises, milking stools, etc.) 43

Number of Milk Samples Taken ... 2

1. Sample submitted for Bacterial Count and M.B.R. Test result as follows:-

43,000 organisms per M.L. M.B.Reductasie Test--4 2½ hrs.

B.Coli present in 1/100 M.L.

2. Sample submitted for Bacterial Count and M.B.R. Test result as follows:-

160,000 organisms per M.L. M.B.Reductasie Test--4 ½ hr.

B.Coli present in 1/100 M.L.

Three sediment tests were also taken, the milk in each case being unsatisfactory steps were taken to bring about a more cleaner method in production.

During the year complaint was received from one Cow-keeper that his cows were suffering from Scours and he believed the cause to be due to the condition of the river water. This complaint was investigated and samples of the river water taken and submitted for Chemical and Bacteriological Examination and although the Bacteriological results were unsatisfactory and showed heavy pollution there was nothing which was likely to cause harm to cows or the milk through drinking this water. The condition of the river was reported to the Thames Conservancy Board.

The condition of the cow-sheds and the methods of milk production in this District during the year has been generally satisfactory.

MEAT AND FOOD.

Number of visits made to Butchers shops 137

Number of visits made to other Food shops or Premises 96

Number of visits to Slaughterhouses (Ministry of Food)... .. 36

Total Number of visits made in connection with Meat and Food ... 269

NUMBER OF CARCASSES INSPECTED.

Bovines 301

Sheep 94

Calves 94

Pigs 18

Total Number of Carcasses Inspected 507

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DISEASED OR UNSOUND MEAT CONDEMNED.

BOVINES

2 carcasses, organs and offal	Tuberculosis	Weight	799 lbs.
5 forequarters	Tuberculosis	"	719 lbs.
20 livers	Tuberculosis	"	242 lbs.
11 livers	Abscesses	"	148 lbs.
3 livers	Angiomata	"	38 lbs.
3 livers	Distomatosis	"	38 lbs.
11 head and tongues	Tuberculosis	"	254 lbs.
38 sets of lungs	Tuberculosis	"	386 lbs.
1 tongue	Actinomycosis	"	6 lbs.
1 shoulder	Bruising	"	20 lbs.
2 sides	Inflammation	"	584 lbs.

SHEEP

3 carcasses, organs and offal	Moribund	"	117 lbs.
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PIGS

2 carcasses, organs and offal	Inflammation	"	104 lbs.
3 sets of lungs	Pneumonia	"	9 lbs.

IMPORTED MEAT.

Ham	Decomposition	"	15 lbs.
Pork	Decomposition	"	28 lbs.

POULTRY

1 fowl	Decomposition	"	10 lbs.
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TINNED AND OTHER FOODS.

68 tins Pineapple Fruit Pulp	3 tins Stewed Steak
17 tins Salmon	1 tin Prem
14 tins Pilchards	1 tin Pork
1 tin Brislings	18 tins Chopped Ham
5 tins Peas	30 tins Luncheon Meat
11 tins Beans	1 tin Brisket of Beef
12 tins Grapefruit Marmalade	27 tins Cooked Ham
270 tins Milk	30 tins Sardines
2 tins Ready Meals.	1 tin Rabbit
12 tins Corned Beef.	
208 lbs. Fish	28½ lbs. Butter
25 lbs. Cheese	14 lbs. Bacon
392 lbs. Potatoes	66½ Doz. Eggs.
2 lbs. Tea	480 lbs. Oranges

TOTAL WEIGHT OF ALL FOOD CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR ... 2 tons.13 cwts.65 lbs.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

1. Premises used for the Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages or Preserved Food, etc.

Number of premises Registered 16

2. Premises used for the Sale, Manufacture or Storage of Ice Cream.

Number of premises Registered 13

WATER SUPPLIES.

Thirty-six visits to private Water Supplies were made and thirty-two samples of water were taken and submitted for Bacteriological Examination.

The result of these Samples were as follows:-

Twenty-one samples were found to be polluted and unsatisfactory for drinking purposes.

Fourteen of these polluted samples were taken from the North Western Area of the Rural District, the remaining polluted samples were obtained from the following parishes.

Burghclere	...	1	St.Mary Bourne	...	2
Ashe	...	2	Newtown	...	2

BAKEHOUSES.

Twenty-four inspections of bakehouses were made during the year and it was necessary to request cleaning in three instances.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

During the year it was found necessary to carry out disinfection and cleansing in eight cases.

NUISANCES.

It has been necessary to deal with fifty-three complaints of nuisances during the year.

The nuisances dealt with included:-

Offensive Accumulations.
Blocked drains and
Dirty Pigsties.

REFUSE AND SALVAGE.

One hundred and forty-six visits have been made in connection with Refuse and Salvage, in this Department ten men employed.

S.D. Frieghter Drivers	...	2
Refuse Loaders	...	2
Tip Man	...	2
Lorry Driver	...	1
Loader	...	1
Salvage Balers	...	2

During the year approximately 3,250 tons of Refuse was collected and tipped at the Council's Tips.

SALVAGE

54 tons. 9 cwt. 3 qrs. of salvage materials were collected and sold, the amount received from this being £252.2s.5d.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN W. SIMCOX

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

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March, 1946.

